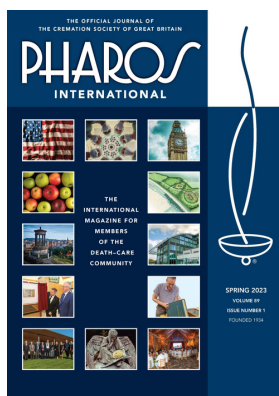




A monthly review of news and events from within the bereavement sector



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We are pleased to bring you this month's news review with news of planned, under-development, and newly-opened crematoria.

We hope you will find this month's round-up of news to be of interest.

Wendy Buchan
Executive Officer & Secretary to
The Cremation Society

Thank you to all those who have returned their annual questionnaires to us so far. If you have yet to complete it we look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have not received your email, please do let us know. We look forward to compiling the information provided into our statistics publication of Pharos International, as soon as all the surveys have been returned.



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NATIONAL CREMATION STATISTICS 2022

Name of Crematorium: _____ Number: _____

NUMBER OF CREMATIONS

The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register as at 31st December 2022 (a) _____

The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register as at 31st December 2021 (b) _____

TOTAL CREMATIONS for the year 2022 [(a) – (b)] **61** _____

How many of the total cremations for 2022 were unattended (direct) cremations?
(That is no mourners, no service and the body brought straight to the crematorium for disposal)
If none, please indicate whether not offered (N/O) or not recorded (N/R) _____

DISPOSAL OF CREMATED REMAINS FOR THE YEAR 2022 (excluding NVF figures)

1. Strewn in the grounds of this crematorium
2. Interred in the grounds of this crematorium
3. Placed above ground at this crematorium
4. Removed from this crematorium
5. No collectable remains obtained
6. Awaiting instructions for disposal

TOTAL [Should agree with 61 above]

OTHER CREMATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2022
(Not to be included in the above figures)

- The number of individual fetal cremations that you carried out at your crematorium during the year ended 31 December 2022 _____
- The number of shared coffins / containers holding fetal remains that were cremated at your crematorium during the year ended 31 December 2022 _____
- The total number of individual fetuses (if known) that were cremated within the shared coffins / containers (Question 2) that you carried out at your crematorium in the year ended 31 December 2022 _____

This is essential for us to be able to accurately record the number of fetal remains cremated each year and to compare this figure with the total fetal losses occurring in the UK during the same period.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name and position of Signatory (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE): _____

Email address and telephone number in case of any queries: _____



Cremation and Burial Communication and Education 2023

Following last year's highly successful joint conference, we are delighted to announce that we will be returning to the Hilton Ageas Bowl, Southampton for this year's Cremation & Burial Communication & Education (CBCE) event.

CBCE 2023 will take place from Monday 26th June to Wednesday 28th June 2023.

To register your interest, please email info@cbce.org.uk and follow us on Twitter [@CBCEevent](https://twitter.com/CBCEevent). More news will follow on the CBCE website: www.cbce.org.uk



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CREMATORIA NEWS

A new crematorium aimed to help cope with a “growing and urgent” need for new facilities in Essex has been given the go-ahead by councillors. Plans for a new crematorium opposite St Margaret’s Church, at **Woodham Mortimer**, were approved by Maldon District Council’s northern western area planning committee. A representative of applicant **Maldon Fields Ltd** said the nearest facilities in Chelmsford and Colchester are at capacity and that the crematorium would work closely with local funeral directors and clergy. The proposals themselves would consist of a two-storey crematorium building with a ceremonial hall, memorial garden and access from the A414, according to a Maldon District Council report. Cooper’s Monument, in Maldon Road near the site, will also be restored as part of the proposals. The crematorium is intended to host four services a day, outside of peak traffic hours. For the full article, please visit: the [Maldon Standard website](#).

Planned upgrades to **Yeovil Crematorium** have been pushed back by at least a year. **South Somerset District Council** is the public body responsible for Yeovil Crematorium on Bunford Lane in Yeovil, which currently averages 1,700 cremations per year. The council has aimed for several years to upgrade the facility, which was completed in 1970, to provide more room for mourners and to enable the building to handle more services. Now the majority of the upgrades have been pushed back until 2024 as the new unitary council - which officially takes charge on April 1st - attempts to balance its books. **Councillor Colin Rose**, vice-chairman of Yeovil Without Parish Council, complained about the lack of local consultation on the project and questioned whether the project would ultimately be abandoned. He went on to say: "What the population of South Somerset needs is a modern facility, a facility of dignity to say farewell to loved ones - and not a facility where, when there is a large turnout, a lot of those in attendance have to stand outside in the waiting room because they can't get inside the existing chapel." Council leader **Val Keitch** - who sits on the cabinet of the new unitary authority - gave assurances that she and other South Somerset councillors would push for the crematorium upgrades to be continued. To read this article, please visit: [the Somerset Live website](#).

NEWS REVIEW



CREMATORIA NEWS

Work is underway on an eco-friendly upgrade of **Accrington Cemetery and Crematorium**. **Hyndburn Council**'s current depot facilities at the **Burnley Road site** are more than 40 years old and in need of modernisation. The improvements will enable cemetery staff to continue to provide an important frontline service but with an eye to the future and running the service in a more carbon neutral way. **Cllr Steven Smithson**, Hyndburn Council's environment boss, said: "It is really exciting to see the new eco-friendly buildings starting to take shape at the Burnley Road Cemetery. The much-needed modernisation and improvement of the facilities will be warmly welcomed by our cemetery and crematorium staff, as well as enabling the borough to meet its important energy efficiency targets. For the full article, please visit: [the Lancashire News website](#).

A £9.6m state-of-the-art crematorium in East Yorkshire has opened. **Lelley Fields Crematorium** in **Holderness** is the first crematorium to open in the region in 25 years and was opened by Councillor John Whittle on 21st February. Work on the facility off Sproatley Road, near Preston, which is being run by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, began at the end of 2021. A spokesperson for the council said it would offer relatives and friends "a peaceful and tranquil place to commemorate their loved ones". Kier Construction had worked alongside the council's building design team to deliver the project. The last crematorium to open in the area was the privately-run Haltemprice Crematorium which started operating in 1998. To read the full article, please visit: [the BBC news website](#).

A final ruling on rejected plans for a new **Angus crematorium** has been delayed again. Plans for what would be the second crematorium in Angus first emerged more than two years ago. The **Friockheim** family business wants to build a 120-seat crematorium with memorial garden and parking on farmland near the border with **Dundee**. But there were more than 700 objections to the plan, and in January last year the proposal was knocked back by the Angus planning department in a delegated decision. Mr Batchelor appealed the outcome to the council's development management review committee. There was a further delay after objectors uncovered "serious flaws" in a planning report. In December the appeal was hit by another hold up when the review committee said they needed to carry out a site visit, which took place in January. Now councillors want further information about the proposal's possible conflict with Scotland's new planning framework, by which planning applications will be judged on for the next decade. For the complete article please visit: [the Courier Evening Telegraph website](#).

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